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## **Minor League Baseball Joins Local Boy Scout Troops and Citizen Corps Councils to Help Americans get *Ready***

For the sixth year, Minor League Baseball teams stepped up to the plate and partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign by working with their local Boy Scout Troops and Citizen Corps Councils to encourage families to get prepared for emergencies and spreading the *Ready* message at their ballparks.

"Minor League Baseball is proud to team up with the Boys Scouts of America in advancing the *Ready* Campaign," said Minor League Baseball President Pat O'Conner. "Through the years we have seen Minor League Baseball communities seriously impacted by hurricanes and other natural disasters. We are convinced the *Ready* Campaign is a valuable resource to citizens in harms way and our teams enthusiastically support spreading this important message."

Throughout the 2009 season, teams performed a variety of activities to promote emergency preparedness from featuring the *Ready* public service announcements on their scoreboards and monitors to hosting entire *Ready Nights* where local Boy Scouts and/or Citizen Corps distributed emergency preparedness brochures. Boy Scouts that assisted in this effort worked toward earning their Emergency Preparedness merit badge and a Good Turn for America Award, which fosters joint community service projects.

"Personal preparedness is a fundamental principle we teach all of our scouts, so it makes great sense that our scouts would help share that message with others through our partnership with the *Ready* Campaign," said Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The *Ready* Campaign would like to extend a special thanks to the local Boy Scouts, Citizen Corps Councils and teams who have participated in educating fans and families on the importance of emergency preparedness.

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